

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Marco Steiger et al.
Application No. 09/917,998	Filing Date July 30, 2001
Title of Application:	Material Removing Tool
Confirmation No. 1503	Art Unit: 3723
Examiner	Shantese L. McDonald

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Supplemental Response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 1, 2005. A first Response was filed on December 30, 2005, but was not matched with the above-identified patent application, which resulted in the application going abandoned. Applicant filed a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181 (a), which Petition was granted on August 22, 2007. The case is being returned to the jurisdiction of the Examiner for further proceedings. Since filing the first Response on December 30, 2005, Applicant has discovered additional prior art, which is being submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) being filed concurrently herewith. Applicant is filing this Supplemental Response in view of this newly cited prior art in an effort to expedite prosecution, which has already been extraordinarily long. Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to use the discretion granted to her in MPEP 714.03(a) to enter and consider this Supplemental Response. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.